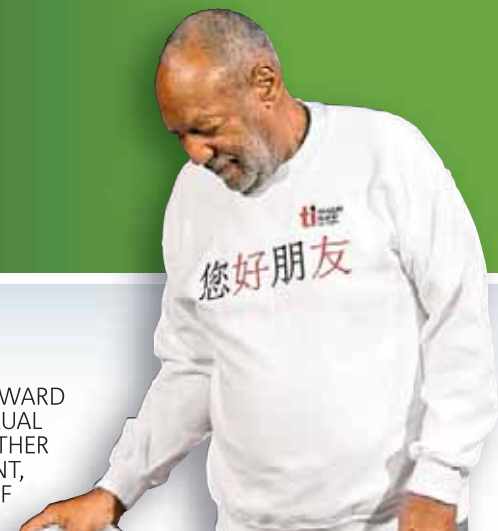


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## HALIFAX WILL REMEMBER THIS

Singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan, who grew up in Halifax, plays to a capacity crowd at the Scotiabank Centre on Wednesday night during the Halifax stop of a tour promoting her newest album, Shine On. For more photos from the concert, visit [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca). JEFF HARPER/METRO

## 'Immigrants create wealth'

**Reversing the trend.** Halifax needs residents, newcomers to provide future, says mayor



Mayor Mike Savage JEFF HARPER/METRO

Immigrants and international students are going to be the people helping write the next chapter in Halifax's history, says Mayor Mike Savage.

On Wednesday, Savage delivered the annual state of the municipality speech to the Halifax Chamber of Commerce and focused on the importance of reversing the city's trend of young people leaving and an aging population by encouraging new Canadians to come here.

"Immigrants create wealth. Maybe 30 years ago people here didn't believe that, and maybe some still don't, but they do," Savage said after the event. "They don't take jobs, they create jobs. They don't take away from wealth, they add to it."

Savage said it's important to continue events like the mayor's first welcoming of international students held this fall, as well as working with all

levels of government, multi-cultural associations, and Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia to help people find employment and settle here.

The future of Halifax will likely not be completely written by the people who have "traditionally" called the city home, Savage said, but will be shaped by those around the world looking for new opportunities.

Failing to grow doesn't mean Halifax stays a "comfortably small city," but ensures its decline, Savage said.

"Halifax is not a snow globe. You can't just put glass around it and say, 'Leave us alone.' We're part of a bigger world, so we either take advantage of it and embrace it, or we hide from it ... to our peril," he said.

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# Mayor talks new economy of sea, urban interests

**Speech.** Savage highlights arts, livable city as other half of successful economy



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Halifax's economy has always had ties to the ocean and while Mayor Mike Savage says that's truer than ever with shipbuilding and offshore oil interests, making the city an attractive place to live is equally important.

During a Halifax Chamber of Commerce speech Thursday, Savage said the sea brings riches as well as tragedy, as with the Halifax Explosion, the site of which used to be visible from the memorial in Fort Needham Park but is now blocked by an Irving Shipyard shed.

"The past has shaped us and made us who we are, but ... we cannot allow our view of the past to hinder our aspirations for the future," Savage told the crowd of more than 400.

The Irving yard will be home to modern shipbuilding for "decades," Savage said, and while Halifax is a strong government town, BP and Shell are huge economic drivers who have committed more than \$1 billion in offshore oil development.

He highlighted the Port of Halifax as a gateway for European free trade, 50 million tourism dollars in cruise ships and how the city has the highest concentration



Construction of the new Irving Shipyard is shown from earlier this year. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Quoted

**"If it's going to be real ... growth, it's going to be based on talent, not just fossil fuels; on imagination, and not just cutting steel."**

Mayor Mike Savage

of ocean science PhDs in the world.

"There are many reasons to be excited about Halifax," Savage said, but added the city is looking for new oppor-

tunities in a province trying to adjust to a "new economy."

It's necessary for the city to lead Nova Scotia's economic recovery, Savage said, as other cities across the world

are doing the same in an increasingly "knowledge-based, urbanized world."

Valerie Payn, Halifax Chamber of Commerce president, said Savage's speech was uplifting but urged the mayor to reduce commercial taxes to keep businesses in the city. Halifax is among the highest tax jurisdictions in Canada.

"Businesses are willing to pay ... their fair share but we're really sort of above and

beyond that now," she said.

But it's not all big business, Savage said, because affordable housing, investing in the arts, and working for people with disabilities help the economy and whole community.

"Recreation centres, fixing potholes don't make money — what they do is create a city where people want to live," Savage told the crowd. "That creates economic opportunity and prosperity."

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# Force has learned from Bartlett case, chief says

**Recommendations implemented.** Chief Jean-Michel Blais admits things could've been made easier for victim's family

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The chief of Halifax Regional Police says the force has made a number of improvements to its use of social media and canvassing techniques, following the 2010 death of a blind woman.

Jean-Michel Blais responded Wednesday to a review released in July by Quebec City police, who noted a number of failures in the way Halifax investigators handled the death of 31-year-old Holly Bartlett, who was found lying unconscious underneath the MacKay Bridge four years ago.

The report cited various problems, including that investigators did not conduct a

thorough canvass of Bartlett's neighbourhood and a lack of communication with the victim's family. It also reports that investigators did not analyze Bartlett's Facebook or computer until this year.

"There are ways that we could have improved our processes which would not have changed the final result, but nonetheless could have made things a bit easier, perhaps for the family, as well as for our own investigators," Blais told reporters on Wednesday at HRP headquarters.

Blais explained that a number of the recommendations made in the review have already been implemented since the Bartlett case was first opened four years ago.

For example, he said that social media is now readily used by investigators as an immediate step to collect evidence, which was not the case in 2010.

Blais also said two new canvassing forms — a canvass checklist and a neighbourhood canvass form — were approved earlier this year, to ensure large



Chief Jean-Michel Blais takes questions from the media in his office at Halifax Regional Police headquarters on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Quoted

**"This is an instance that occurred four-and-a-half years ago, and things have changed significantly within our investigative processes since then."**

Halifax Regional Police Chief Jean-Michel Blais

areas are properly scanned.

Other changes already in place include assigning a family liaison to communicate with a grieving family, and new protocol that states witness interviews are to be conducted at police headquarters

or a designated safe zone.

"To second-guess this (original) investigation I think is unwarranted," Blais said. "It's unfair to the actual investigators who have worked hard."

Blais insisted Bartlett's case will remain closed unless new

witnesses come forward.

Police believe that on March 27, 2010, Bartlett became disoriented after getting out of a taxi and fell 10 metres off a concrete abutment. She later died in hospital.

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## 'Terrible' commute

### Dozens of accidents keep Halifax police busy

Halifax police were busy dealing with a slew of accidents during a slippery morning commute Wednesday that resulted in traffic gridlock.

Halifax Regional Police said there were more than 20 accidents in total Wednesday morning, including two police vehicles that were rear-ended while responding to calls.

Road conditions were described by police as "terrible" after the moisture in a light dusting of snow overnight froze into a sheet of black ice.

Spokesperson Const. Pierre Bourdages said at about 8:30 a.m. officers were dealing with 20 active accidents. He said that's on top of eight accidents that had already been cleared.

Most of the cars going off the road or colliding with other vehicles were on the highway ramps on the outskirts of the urban core, including the Victoria Road ramp to Highway 111 where four cars were in an accident and the road was partially closed for salting.

"It's completely clogged, no matter where you are," Bourdages said of city traffic around 8:30 a.m.

There were no serious injuries reported in any of the accidents, but police reminded drivers to get their snow tires on and take their time in wintry conditions.

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## Driver ticketed in fatal crosswalk accident

Halifax Regional Police have ticketed a 23-year-old driver who hit and killed an elderly man in a Dartmouth crosswalk last month.

Officers responded to a collision between a car and pedestrian at the intersection of Portland Hills Drive and Portland Estates Boulevard on Oct. 31 around 5 p.m.

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The number of pedestrians killed this year in Halifax

Reports indicate the vehicle was travelling westbound on Portland Hills Drive, when it collided with a 74-year-old male pedestrian crossing the street in a marked crosswalk.

The man was rushed to hospital with life-threatening injuries, and later died on Nov. 3.

On Wednesday, Halifax investigators issued the 23-year-old driver two summary offence tickets under the Motor Vehicle Act for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk and operating an unregistered vehicle.

The fine for failing to



Halifax Regional Police issued two tickets totalling \$870.40 to a driver who hit and killed an elderly man.

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A close-up look at some of the paint work on the stolen bike in question. CONTRIBUTED

# 'Part of me is gone': Man's bike stolen

## Search is on.

Motorcycle honouring Canada's fallen soldiers stolen from home of Nova Scotia resident

Robin Lessard hasn't been able to feel like himself since the day his one-of-a-kind motorcycle was stolen.

"It was my baby," the 56-year-old said with a quivering voice during a phone interview Wednesday. "That bike represents me.... A part of me is gone now."

Lessard, who lives year-round at his cottage in Upper Stewiacke, was visiting Ottawa when he got a call from one of his neighbours on Monday morning, asking if he had purposely left his garage door open.

Inside the garage was what Lessard called his pride — his motorcycle, with a custom painted tank and fenders, depicting scenes of uniformed sol-

## Quoted



Robin Lessard

**"I don't want the rest of my stuff back, I just want my bike."**

diers in a battlefield, in honour of Canada's fallen.

After serving in the navy for the past 33 years, Lessard, who has been riding since he was 16, decided that he would dedicate his bike as a tribute to Canada's soldiers and had it custom-painted at a shop in Dartmouth several years ago.

He has since rode the bike around the East Coast as a part of a veterans motorcycle group for different bike rallies and charity events, in the hopes that anyone who sees it will be reminded their freedom came at a price.

"I felt like someone just hit me in the head," Lessard said, who hopped on the next plane home from Ottawa once he

heard it was gone.

Besides his bike, his wife's own motorcycle was also stolen, along with a television, lawn mower, rifle and hunting equipment. But none of that matters, Lessard said. Everything else can be replaced — except his bike.

"I feel so anxious because I know it's somewhere out there," he said, adding that if anything happens to it he'll be "heartbroken."

For the past few days, Lessard has been working with RCMP to collect fingerprints and piece together evidence to find a suspect. He has also taken to social media with his story, and said the overwhelming support he's received from the community has been incredible.

Lessard believes it's not too late for whoever stole his bike to do the right thing. He plans to continue his search until he has his baby back.

"If I can get my bike back it would be unbelievable," he said. **STEPHANIE TAYLOR/FOR METRO**

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# N.S. immigration services group changes name from ISIS to ISANS

**'It became very difficult for us.'**

Halifax-based organization says its work will continue

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ISIS, better known in Nova Scotia as Immigrant Settlement and Integration Services, has a new name.

Director of operations Gerry Mills said the reason why the Halifax-based organization, which works to support new immigrants, made a name change to the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia on Wednesday is "pretty obvious."

She said many clients and community members felt the old name — which shared the

## Quoted

**"We don't want to focus on our name — we want to focus on what we do."**

Gerry Mills, director of operations at the newly named Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia.

same acronym as the terrorist group — should be changed so as not to confuse or trigger anyone.

The "tipping point" came when new clients began to mistake the organization with the militant group.

"It became very difficult for us," Mills said Wednesday. "I don't think anyone will question why we're changing the name."

She said the name change will also ensure that clients who may have had past run-ins with the terrorist group are not "re-traumatized."

However, Mills stressed it's just a name, after all, and the organization will continue doing the same work they've done for years.

She said the organization recently launched a new campaign under the hashtags #BuildingNSTogether and #ISANS to encourage more Nova Scotians to get involved with helping new immigrants feel at home.

"We don't want to focus on our name — we want to focus on what we do," she said.

## #ISANS

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Employee Mehmet Iskin poses for a photo next to the newly unveiled sign at ISANS, Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia, on Wednesday. Inset: The old ISIS name. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/FOR METRO; INSET: CONTRIBUTED

## Dates for second trial in N.S. murder case set

Dates have been set for a new trial in Nova Scotia Supreme Court for a former Hants County man who had two first-degree murder convictions overturned by the appeals court.

Leslie Douglas Greenwood, 45, will again stand trial by judge and jury in Kentville for the murders of Barry Kirk Mersereau, 48, and Nancy Paula Christensen, 47.

The couple was shot to death in their home in Centre Burlington, Hants County, in September 2000. It's believed the deaths were related to the Hells Angels.

Three weeks have been set aside for the new trial, from Sept. 8 to 29, 2015.

Greenwood was convicted of the Centre Burlington murders following a three-week Supreme Court jury trial that

concluded in May 2012. The Sept. 8 Court of Appeals decision to overturn Greenwood's convictions stems from the use of hearsay evidence in the jury trial.

Greenwood was present via video conference in Kentville Supreme Court on Nov. 17 when the new trial dates were set. The matters return to court on Jan. 5 for a status review. The defence will confirm the trial dates and disclosure. Greenwood remains in custody on a due course of law remand.

Greenwood is also charged with the first-degree murder of Kirk Murray, 47, and Antonio Onesi, 51. The two were shot to death in the parking lot of a Montreal McDonald's restaurant in January 2010.

Nova Scotia Public Prosecution spokeswoman Chris

Hansen said recently that, depending on what happens in regard to that process, prosecutors in Nova Scotia would have to co-ordinate with prosecutors in Quebec on the matters here.

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Leslie Douglas Greenwood  
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## Cole Harbour

### Weapons seized after shots fired, RCMP say

Police say two young men are facing weapons charges

after officers responded to a shots-fired complaint in Cole Harbour.

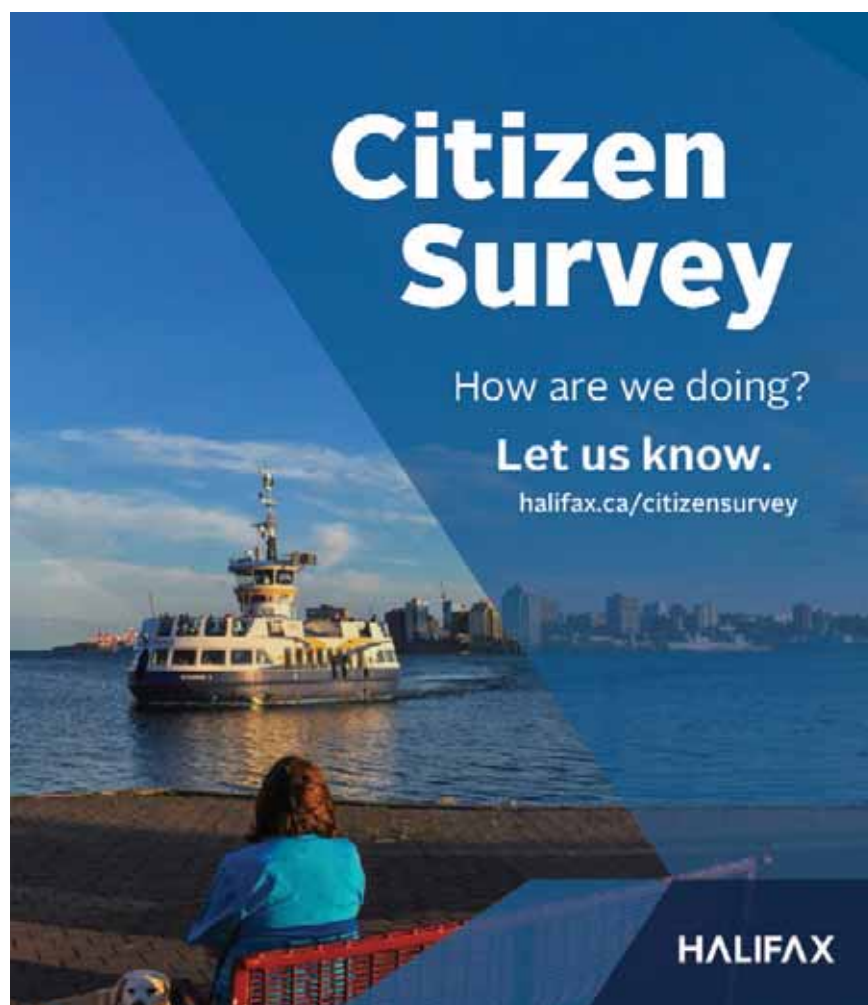
The RCMP say a call came in around 4 p.m. Tuesday, with the shots reportedly being fired on Bissett Road.

Police say a vehicle

matching the description given to them was stopped a short time later on Astral Drive.

Inside the vehicle, police say they found a sawed-off shotgun, a .22-calibre rifle and a crossbow.

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Finance Minister Diana Whalen has declined to comment on the report's carbon-tax proposal. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

# Expand HST and introduce carbon tax, report suggests

**Study.** Former Ontario cabinet minister also calls for government spending freeze

Nova Scotia should introduce a carbon tax like British Columbia has done and broaden its harmonized sales tax to cover previously exempt items including children's clothing, diapers and home energy costs, a review of the province's tax system says.

The report released Wednesday by former Ontario cabinet minister Laurel Broten also recommends that the proposed tax increases should be offset by lower income- and corporate-tax rates and a government-spending freeze that could amount to \$1 billion in savings by 2020.

The study says that at virtually every income level, Nova Scotians pay either the highest or second-highest personal income taxes in Canada. Its corporate tax rates are also among the highest in the country.

In addition, it's unacceptable to think that as the baby boomer generation retires and ages that a significantly smaller, younger population will support bigger budgets for things like health care, the report says.

## Quoted

**"The best advice from around the world ... is to tax what you do not like."** Former Ontario Cabinet Minister Laurel Broten

"The review confirms that the trajectory Nova Scotia is on is unsustainable," Broten told a news conference.

"Either Nova Scotians can decide to make changes to turn around or we will tumble without sufficient revenue to pay for the public services we all want to support our quality of life."

Broten's study follows a more expansive study of Nova Scotia's economic trends, which concluded the province was on the verge of a prolonged economic decline unless it embraced major changes.

In the 2013-14 fiscal year, the province's deficit stood at \$679 million and it was carrying a record \$14.7 billion in accumulated debt while paying \$886 million in annual debt servicing costs.

In her report, Broten said Nova Scotia should follow B.C.'s lead by imposing a carbon tax on environmental pollutants and the goods that produce such pollutants.

"The best advice from around the world ... is to tax what you do not like," she said. "Tax pollution. Tax consumption."

Since B.C. introduced its carbon tax in 2008, the province has also reduced corporate and income tax rates to among the lowest in Canada while recording economic growth well above the national average.

Finance Minister Diana Whalen said she is reviewing Broten's 42 recommendations and declined to comment on the carbon-tax proposal.

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## Carbon tax: yay or nay?

- **Job-killer?** The opposition Progressive Conservatives urged the government to reject Broten's report, describing a carbon tax as a job-killer.
- **Hurt families?** PC Leader Jamie Baillie also criticized proposals to eliminate the province's highest tax bracket and increase the small-business tax. He said broadening the application of the HST would also hurt families.



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# Cape Breton field webbed up

There might not be a Spider-Man in Cape Breton but apparently there was a spiderland.

Allen McCormick recently took a picture of a field at the summit in Scotchtown covered with spiderwebs.

"It was like a cotton field — all white."

He estimated the field to be a couple of square kilometres.

"They are saying millions," he added.

"There was a light dew that morning; that might have made them more prominent."

McCormick was simply walking around the hiking trail when the sight caught his eye. He doesn't mind spiders at all, so it didn't bother him.

"My dad was a beekeeper

— we've seen swarms, but nothing like this."

McCormick talked to others who walk in the area and the webs appeared overnight.

The next day McCormick returned but said only the remnants were left.

"You could see tiny white threads."

Andrew Hebda, a zoologist and curator for the Nova

Scotia Museum, said these are a tiny species of spiders, the largest about four millimetres in size.

Hebda explained these are not webs for catching food but rather webs for "ballooning" by small spiders.

"They basically produce a long single strand and let the wind catch it and carry them." **CAPE BRETON POST**



The spiderland of spiderwebs. CONTRIBUTED

# Tory riding president goes Grit

**Switching sides.** Scott Lockhart says federal Conservative party no longer progressive



MP Scott Armstrong  
CUMBERLAND NEWS

A day after learning his former mentor is planning to unseat him in the next federal election, Cumberland Colchester Musquodoboit Valley MP Scott Armstrong has lost the president of his riding association.

Scott Lockhart announced early Wednesday that he's resigning his position with the Conservative association to support Bill Casey, who announced Tuesday that he's coming out of retirement to seek the Liberal nomination.

"This has been a very tough decision to make because I believe Scott Armstrong has been a good MP and has brought a lot of things to the riding, Scott's a friend of mine and I attended his wedding," Lockhart said.

"The problem I have is with the federal party. I first supported Bill Casey when he first ran as a Progressive Conservative in 1988, but the party has changed. It's no longer the Progressive Conservatives, it's the Conservatives."

Lockhart said he will work for Casey in the next federal election, but will continue to support the provincial Progress-

sive Conservatives under Jamie Baillie.

He said that's not unusual since many in the former Cumberland Centre and Cumberland South riding voted for Liberal Guy Brown but supported former PC MP Robert Coates.

Lockhart said he talked to Armstrong several weeks ago about his feelings, but at the time Casey had not made his decision. He has not talked to any other members in the federal association, but has spoken to some other political friends.

He doesn't know if others in the federal association will defect to the Casey camp, but said frustration has been growing with the federal party's increasing control.

"It was a case of headquarters wants this done and headquarters wants that done, there was too much control coming from headquarters and it got frustrating," Lockhart said. "We were all there several years ago when someone from the party came and expelled us all from the party because we supported Bill."

"I don't know if others will follow, but friends I've talked to about my decision understand why I'm doing what I'm doing."



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## Bogus bomb threats. Police give all clear at two separate schools

A day after a threatening note was found at Riverview High School, bomb threats were reported at two other Cape Breton schools on Wednesday.

Cape Breton Regional Police completed a search of Memorial High School and found no evidence of a bomb during the morning. Police cleared the building for safety and investigated the source of the alleged threat.

Nine Cape Breton Regional Police vehicles, including the K-9 unit, were parked outside the school before 11 a.m.

Students and staff were evacuated at about 8:40 a.m. as Cape Breton Regional Police responded and searched the building.

Cape Breton Regional Police also responded to a bomb threat Wednesday morning at Glace Bay High School.

According to a press release, there were reports that a vehicle with a bomb



A police vehicle is seen outside Glace Bay High School on Wednesday. CAPE BRETON POST

inside was on its way to the school.

Police later said they found no evidence of a vehicle with a bomb at Glace Bay High School and reopened the school entrances and surrounding roads, clearing the building for safe use.

On Tuesday, police descended onto Riverview High School over reports of someone inside with a knife. No weapon was found following a lengthy search.

CAPE BRETON POST

## Road fatality. One person dead in vehicle collision

One person is dead following a two-vehicle collision on Highway 4 west of Sydney that closed the road for several hours on Wednesday afternoon.

The accident, which involved an industrial vacuum truck and a Chevrolet Impala sedan, happened at about 1:40 p.m. on a busy stretch of Kings Road between the Heather Trailer Park and Floral Heights Drive. Police said the lone male occupant of the car was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver and passenger in the Atlantic Industrial Cleaners truck received minor injuries but were not taken to hospital.

RCMP Sgt. Henry Poswiata

said the accident is under investigation.

"The truck was traveling eastbound and the car was traveling westbound and for some reason the vehicle (car) veered into the eastbound lane and the truck swerved to avoid it and they collided," said Poswiata.

The RCMP were joined at the scene by Cape Breton Regional Police, Emergency Health Services paramedics and members of the Sydney River and Howie Centre volunteer fire departments.

The accident closed down Highway 4, and traffic was backed up in both directions before the road re-opened around 5 p.m. CAPE BRETON POST



The accident scene on Highway 4 on Wednesday. CAPE BRETON POST

### Good for business

## Ferry return making big impact on Portland

The president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce says he and Mayor Michael Brennan were "extremely impressed" with the impact of the Nova Star ferry on businesses there.

The ferry re-started last May and ran daily between Yarmouth and the Maine city until mid-fall.

"We really felt that this is an important economic gain for merchants in the Commercial Street area and downtown area," said Christopher Hall. "And really, we just got off to a start, it's only the first year."

Hall says the increase in business was noticeable, with ferry passengers coming down early to the dock establishments to shop and experience the downtown before boarding.

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### Accident near Amherst

## Man dies in hospital after medical event and ATV crash

An Ontario man has succumbed to the injuries he sustained in an all-terrain vehicle crash last week just outside of Amherst.

RCMP officers responded to an ATV crash in Maccan on Nov. 10 after a small hunting party discovered one of their partners had an accident and called police.

Officers found an ATV on a wooded trail with the driver nearby, suffering from a serious head injury.

The 63-year-old man was taken by paramedics to Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre and then onto Halifax for further treatment.

He died from his injuries on Nov. 16. Police say a medical event led to the driver crashing.

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## Accountability. NDP ethics critic decries Tory 'secrecy'

The New Democrats are calling on the Conservatives to give the federal information czar the money she needs to do her job as the first step toward fixing a "broken system" of accountability.

In a letter to Treasury Board president Tony Clement, NDP ethics critic Charlie Angus accuses the government of starving the Access to Information system of cash, hiding documents for political reasons and backpedalling on promises to reform the 32-year-old access law.

The letter follows information commissioner Suzanne Legault's recent admission that her office can barely make ends meet — a cash squeeze she says threatens the rights of Canadians. The commissioner serves as an ombudsman for people who request federal records under the Access to Information Act, handling complaints about delays, fees, and

### 'Culture of secrecy'

**"Starving the system of funds amidst a growing Conservative government culture of secrecy appears to be an effective method to deteriorate an individual's right to access information and thereby limit government accountability."**

NDP ethics critic Charlie Angus in a letter to Treasury Board president Tony Clement

problems obtaining documents from federal agencies.

In a recent interview, Clement called the access law "a good piece of legislation" — despite criticism from Legault, pro-democracy groups and opposition MPs that it allows too much information to be kept under wraps. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## G20 summit. Senior cop's misconduct hearing starts

A senior police officer who ordered the arrests of hundreds during Toronto's G20 summit four years ago had no regard for their conduct or intentions when he issued his sweeping commands, a prosecution lawyer told the officer's disciplinary hearing on Wednesday.

Supt. Dave (Mark) Fenton has pleaded not guilty to a total of five charges of unlawful arrest and discreditable conduct stemming from two "kettling" incidents that occurred over the summit weekend.

The first took place on Saturday, June 26, 2010, hours after a small group of vandals smashed windows and set police cruisers alight. Fenton ordered officers to box in protesters in front of a downtown hotel. More than 260 people were arrested and taken to a makeshift prisoner

processing centre, which came under severe criticism for its deplorable conditions.

The second incident occurred the next day when, six minutes after coming on shift, Fenton ordered police to keep scores of people standing for hours at a downtown intersection despite a severe thunderstorm that left them drenched.

Prosecution lawyer Brendan van Niejenhuis argued that at the heart of the hearing is one "ultimate question" that must be addressed.

"Were the arrests lawful and necessary, and did they constitute conduct that would lower the esteem of the Toronto Police Service in the eyes of the public," he told the hearing taking place at Toronto police headquarters.

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### Former Bloc member

#### Mourani joins NDP, but not yet an MP

She may have signed an NDP membership card Wednesday, but former Bloc Québécois MP Maria Mourani will have to be re-elected as a New Democrat in 2015 before she can join the party's caucus. Mourani was cast into the role of an Independent MP after the Bloc kicked her out for criticizing the provincial government's proposed charter of values. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Advising space projects

#### Hadfield, Natynczyk named to new space board

Former astronaut Chris Hadfield is among those named by Industry Minister James Moore to a new board that will advise the government on space projects. The board also includes retired general Walt Natynczyk, deputy minister of Veterans Affairs and former president of the Canadian Space Agency. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Michael Sona arrives at the Guelph courthouse for his sentencing on Wednesday after being found guilty of election fraud in the so-called robocalls scandal during the 2011 federal election. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Ex-staffer in robocall scandal gets jail time

### Conservative worker.

Michael Sona will be the first person to spend time behind bars for violating Canada Elections Act

Interfering with a citizen's right to vote merits real jail time, an Ontario judge declared Wednesday as he made Michael Sona the first person ever to spend time behind bars for violating the Canada Elections Act.

Sona, the former Conservative staffer convicted in the 2011 robocalls scandal, was sen-

tenced to nine months behind bars and one year's probation for what Justice Gary Hearn called "an affront to the electoral process."

He's the first person convicted of wilfully preventing or endeavouring to prevent an elector from voting under the Canada Elections Act, said Hearn, adding that he believes Sona did not act alone in the scheme, in which some 6,700 automated phone calls were placed the morning of the 2011 federal election with misleading information on how to vote.

Sona was 22 at the time, lacked proper guidance from

more experienced colleagues, and has suffered emotionally in the aftermath, Hearn noted. But jail time was nonetheless warranted in order to send the unmistakable message that messing with the electoral process is a serious crime, he said.

"This was a federal election undertaken to elect representatives who form the governing body in our nation," Hearn told the court. "This was not an amateurish Grade 8 election campaign for student council. Conduct such as that of Mr. Sona is not suitable at any time."

Sona hung his head and

fiddled with his BlackBerry, his family members beside him in tears, as Hearn delivered his fate. Sona's lawyer, Norm Boxall, said his client would be transferred to an unspecified provincial jail. He said a decision has not yet been made whether to file an appeal.

Boxall said Sona would likely consult with another lawyer to determine whether an appeal is appropriate. He could then seek a release from jail pending his appeal. Should he decide not to appeal, he could be eligible to apply for parole after three months, Boxall said.

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# Mulcair defends female MPs' silence

### 'Personal misconduct' allegations

#### MPs' futures still unclear

Newfoundland MP Scott Andrews says he will run in the next federal election, but whether he will be allowed to run as Liberals depends on the outcome of an investigation that may never happen.

The future is anything but clear for Andrews, his fellow newly Independent MP Massimo Pacetti and the two unidentified female NDP MPs who leveled allegations of "personal misconduct" against them, which sources say were sexual in nature.

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Two female New Democrat MPs alleging misconduct at the hands of two of their Liberal counterparts shouldn't be pushed to lodge formal complaints, no matter how serious their allegations might be, their leader says.

It is up to the two women to decide when and if they want to participate in any sort of investigative process, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair said Wednesday.

Mulcair's continued defence of the women's refusal

to participate came after The Canadian Press revealed that NDP MP Craig Scott, a former law professor, told the Liberals that one of the misconduct incidents — as it was described to him — amounted to an allegation of sexual assault.

Multiple sources say Scott issued that assessment during a behind-the-scenes meeting on Oct. 30 with the Liberal and NDP whips, to which he had accompanied one of the alleged victims.

**THE CANADIAN PRESS**



## Jerusalem. Israeli troops demolish attacker's home

The east Jerusalem home of a Palestinian who carried out a deadly attack last month was demolished Wednesday, hours after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised strict security measures in the wake of a grisly synagogue assault.

Tuesday's synagogue attack, which left five people dead, was the deadliest in Jerusalem since 2008 and came amid weeks of violence linked to the city's holiest site for Jews and Muslims.

The home destroyed in the Silwan neighbourhood near the Old City belonged to Abdel Rahman al-Shaludi, who killed two people last month when he drove his car into a crowd at a light rail stop in Jerusalem.

Israeli troops blasted the interior of the third-floor apartment located in a four-story apartment building, leaving piles of cinder blocks and holes in the exterior walls. The blast caused minor damage to

neighbouring apartments and flattened a car parked below.

In recent weeks, Palestinian attackers using guns, knives and vehicles have killed 11 people — most in Jerusalem, but also in Tel Aviv and the West Bank. At least five Palestinians involved in the attacks were killed.

On Tuesday two Palestinian cousins wielding meat cleavers, knives and a handgun stormed a synagogue in the west Jerusalem neighbourhood of Har Nof, killing four worshippers and a policeman. The two assailants were shot to death by police.

Responding to Tuesday's attack, Netanyahu said he had ordered security forces to hit back hard at Palestinians involved in violence against Israelis and to resume the policy of home demolitions, a punitive tactic that has caused much controversy.

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### Monday deadline looms

## Kerry seeks path to Iran nuclear deal

With a deadline for an Iranian nuclear deal fast approaching, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry has embarked on a frenzy of high-stakes diplomacy in a last-minute push to secure an agreement — or at least prevent the process from collapsing. As senior

negotiators huddled for a second day in Vienna in the latest round of talks, Kerry held separate meetings in London and was to travel to Paris on Thursday for further discussions before deciding whether or when to join the larger effort in the Austrian capital to forge a pact that would prevent the Islamic republic from reaching the capability to produce atomic weapons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# NBC says Cosby project is no longer in development

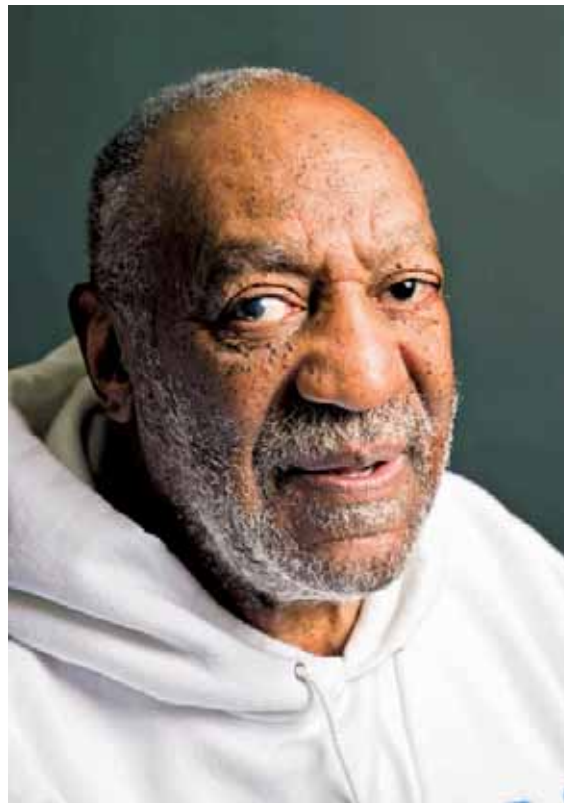
**New assault allegations emerge.**  
Netflix postponing premiere of new Cosby comedy special

NBC says it has scrapped a Bill Cosby comedy that was under development, the second outlet within a day to put off or abandon a Cosby project after another sexual assault allegation against the comic emerged.

NBC spokeswoman Rebecca Marks said Wednesday the project "is no longer under development," and had no further comment.

Netflix announced late Tuesday that it was postponing the Nov. 27 premiere of a new Cosby standup comedy special, giving no hint about whether it will ever be aired. Hours earlier in an interview with Entertainment Tonight, actress Janice Dickinson became the third woman in recent weeks to allege she'd been assaulted by Cosby — charges strongly denied by the comedian's lawyer.

Dickinson told Entertainment Tonight that Cosby had given her red wine and a pill when they were together in a Lake Tahoe, Calif., hotel room in 1982. When she woke up the next morning, "I wasn't wearing



In this Nov. 18, 2013, file photo, actor-comedian Bill Cosby poses for a portrait in New York. NBC announced Wednesday that it has cancelled plans for a family comedy starring Bill Cosby. VICTORIA WILL/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

my pyjamas and I remembered before I passed out I had been sexually assaulted by this man."

Cosby's lawyer, Martin

Singer, said in a letter to The Associated Press that Dickinson's charges were "false and outlandish" and were contradicted by Dickinson

### Quoted



"I'm doing this because it's the right thing to do and this happened to me and this is a true story."

Actress and model Janice Dickinson, who on Tuesday became the third woman in recent weeks to allege she'd been assaulted by Cosby

herself in a published autobiography. Cosby's spokesman, David Brokaw, has not returned calls for comment.

The spiraling scandal has threatened the 77-year-old comedian's reputation as America's TV dad at a time when he was launching a comeback. He has at least 35 performances scheduled throughout the U.S. and Canada through May of 2015. None of the performances has been cancelled.

At one of the venues, the Sandusky State Theater in Sandusky, Ohio, there's been no negative feedback, said David L. Taylor, the site's executive director. There's been one query from the community about whether the scheduled Jan. 30 performance is still on.

"If the show were to cancel, everybody would obviously get full refunds," Taylor said.

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## Egypt to see verdict in first trial for FGM

Raslan Fadl, the first doctor in Egypt to be put on trial for committing female genital mutilation, is still practising even through a 13-year-old girl died after he performed the procedure. And in this Nile Delta Village, he has plenty of patients.

Young girls and their families on a recent day sat in his waiting room, where the bright yellow walls are decorated with Winnie the Pooh pictures, in the same building where Soheir el-Batea came for her operation last year. Residents call him a well-respected figure in the community, known for his charity work.

It could not be determined whether any were at his of-

fice for "circumcision," as it is known here, and Fadl would not speak to The Associated Press. But Fadl's continued popularity demonstrates the challenges to curbing the practice in Egypt, where more than 90 per cent of women are estimated to have undergone it — one of the highest rates in the world. Female genital cutting was criminalized in 2008 and the most important Sunni Muslim religious authority has declared it dangerous and without any religious justification.

A verdict is expected Thursday in Fadl's trial, and if convicted he could face up to two years in prison. Rights advocates say the outcome of this

case could set a key precedent for deterring doctors and families in the future. Sohair's father is also charged in the case.

In Sidfa, a village where the organization operates, The Associated Press spoke to dozens of residents about their decision to abandon the practice.

Hamdiya Nazmy said one of her seven daughters was "circumcised" but she decided not to do so with the other six after being convinced by Fawzy's organization. "I spoke with people who live near me and convinced them it was wrong too." She remembers feeling terrified when she was taken to the midwife as a girl for her own operation.

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## Canadians not sold on paying with phone

**Report.** Only about 21% of us have made a mobile payment in the past six months, a new poll finds

Hype for mobile payments is growing but Canadians generally aren't very eager to pay for purchases with their smartphones, suggests a new report.

Canadians are still apprehensive about using their phone in lieu of cash, debit or credit cards, according to a study by global research company GfK, which conducted online surveys with consumers in 17 countries.

Although Canadians have developed a reputation for being keen early adopters of technology, they were found to be among the least interested in mobile payments.

Security fears are a fac-

### Gift cards

While Starbucks customers are frequently seen using their phones to pay for coffees, and Tim Hortons also accepts mobile payments, those apps are linked to gift cards rather than bank accounts and are less of a security concern, notes Stephen Popiel, vice-president of consulting for GfK Canada.

tor, says Stephen Popiel, vice-president of consulting for GfK Canada. Canadians may also be lukewarm on mobile payments since they already have plenty of ways to pay in stores.

"The ATM infrastructure is huge and profound in Canada, even when compared with the United States, so the mobile technology itself is partly a solution for a problem that's not as big of an issue here.

We have a seamless ATM and debit card structure here and now the tap technology makes it fast and easy to make a lot of small purchases," says Popiel.

"Now we have to train ourselves: Don't use the wallet, pull out my phone, make sure the app is open. We have to get to a position where this technology is as seamless and easy to use as what we've been using for the past 15 to 20 years."

GfK estimates only about two per cent of transactions in Canada are currently made with a mobile device, either in store or while on-line shopping at home.

About 21 per cent of the 1,000 Canadians polled by GfK said they had made a mobile payment in the past six months, compared to 24 per cent of western European respondents, 33 per cent of American respondents, and 39 per cent of Latin American respondents.

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## Digging up gifts for Fido

A dog wearing two GoPro cameras, one on his back and one on his chest, held on by what is known as a Fetch dog harness, digs into sand at an unknown location. GoPro Inc.'s Fetch dog harness fits over your dog's chest or back and holds the small, waterproof camera known for attaching to helmets, surfboards, cars and wrists to film rugged adventures. Sony, Garmin and Kurgo also make camera mounts for dogs. The device is among a legion of gifts that retailers have rounded up for pet wish lists this year. Other hot items for Fido include: ugly sweaters for pets at PetSmart, Petco's line of Star Wars toys and clothing for dogs, and gourmet soup dubbed Winter Warmers Broths by Honest Kitchen.

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### Breaking glass ceiling

## Number of women on boards rises

The Canadian Board Diversity Council shows women held 17.1 per cent of the positions on boards, up from 15.6 per cent in 2013.

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## Crowdfunding moon mission

It's the moon mission for the masses.

A project to fund a private lunar exploration mission got underway Wednesday, offering the public the chance to take part.

For as little as 10 pounds (\$15 US), Lunar Mission One gives the public a chance to buy space on memory discs that will be buried in a hole drilled into the lunar surface.

The public will be invited to leave music, photos and videos on the disc — helping create a chronicle of the people of Earth. Those offering more funding will leave more data, including DNA in the form of a strand of hair.

### Man on the moon

"We have carried out research and been quite surprised how keen people are.... School kids think the idea of having a bit of themselves on the moon is fantastic."

David Iron, who came up with the plan to let the public buy space on memory discs that will be buried in the lunar surface.

"Governments are finding it increasingly difficult to fund space exploration that is solely for the advancement of human knowledge and understanding as opposed to commercial return," said British engineer and city financier David Iron, who came up with the plan.

The mission plans to land a spacecraft on the moon in 10 years. It will drill a hole at least 20 metres but possibly as deep as 100 metres to access lunar rock that is billions of years old.

It will use crowdfunding platform Kickstarter to finance its development phase. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Volkswagen recalls Jettas, Beetles

Volkswagen is recalling more than 440,000 Jettas and Beetles to fix a problem that can cause rear suspension failure if the cars aren't fixed properly after a crash.

The recall covers 2011 through 2013 Jettas and 2012 through 2013 Beetles.

VW says in documents posted by U.S. safety regulators on Wednesday that if rear trailing arms are damaged in a crash and not re-

paired correctly, they can fracture suddenly. That can cause loss of control and possibly a crash. Trailing arms connect the axle to the frame.

The company says there have been no crashes or injuries in the U.S., but there were reports of fractured trailing arms mainly in Asian countries.

Dealers will inspect trailing arms for damage and

install sheet metal to help prevent a loss of vehicle control.

The sheet metal will be installed at no cost to customers, but customers will have to pay for repairs if their suspension was damaged, VW said.

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## VOICES

# SEX, LIES AND CELEBRITY

Bill Cosby. Jian Ghomeshi. Woody Allen. Famous for being entertainers but now household names for more sinister reasons. With a growing list of women accusing celebrities of sexual assault, are survivors of abuse turning to social media — and the court of public opinion — to get the conviction that may not be found through the courts?

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While they probably still whisper among themselves, the people that defend Jian Ghomeshi have largely shut up. The disgraced radio host may never be charged, but in the court of public opinion, the matter is settled.

In this case at least, the collective stance seems to be doing for victims what the criminal courts can't. Innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt is an exceedingly high burden of proof in cases where the legality of the activity boils down to consent, which is almost impossible to "prove" either way.

But while we rightly laud victims who tell their stories publicly, the public-opinion court can also be a fickle one that attacks as much as it defends.

Karlene Moore, a counselor, advocate and activist for the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre, has been working with survivors for more than 20 years. She wouldn't say definitively that the justice system is irrevocably broken but she spoke of how "disheartening" it is.

"I think a lot of survivors and activists are so frustrated in the legal justice system that they have no interest in it at all," Moore said.

She said one difference between the Ghomeshi case and other high-profile ones in the past (like those of Woody Allen and Roman Polanski) is that the allegations being adjudicated in the court of public opinion involve more than just one person.

In addition to Ghomeshi, the federal Liberal party has suspended two MPs after accusations of misconduct from fellow MPs, and Bill Cosby is under attack for horrifying stories that he drugged and raped women. Even feminist du jour Lena Dunham is getting flack online over passages in her recent memoir

that contain disturbing details about her relationship with her sister growing up.

The reality is that these famous figures were not random evildoers; they were dates, friends, family members, coworkers and, in some cases, sexual partners. A question is raised: will the court of public opinion be as generous to women in less high-profile cases?

Moore says that although it's "fantastic" that some survivors are breaking their silence online, "the concerns that we have about disclosure and speaking up online about their experience is that social media can be very isolating."

"What they're getting back is not a uniform, supportive response, and they are getting back surprisingly negative and unsupportive responses from some people in their community."

And of course there will be cases where the public court attacks an innocent person and damage ensues, as was the case with musician Conor Oberst, who was accused in the comments section of the xojane website of raping a woman when she was a star-struck teen. She later took back the story but not before considerable damage was done to his reputation, at least in the short term.

The uncomfortable truth seems to be that while, yes, police and courts can do better for victims, and I do believe, perhaps naively, that we will now do better for the people who bravely open their mouths to tell us things we don't want to believe, justice for victims and punishments for perps will probably never be properly doled out in the real courts. The alternate door of vigilante social-media justice has opened, and there's no turning back.

Let's all keep talking, without waiting for the next horror story to spur the discussion on.

## High-profile entertainers publicly accused of sexual assault:



### BILL COSBY

Former model Janice Dickinson has added her name to more than a dozen women who claim to have been drugged and sexually assaulted by Bill Cosby, citing an alleged incident in 1982. In response, NBC has shelved a planned Bill Cosby comedy, the second outlet to do so.

### JIAN GHOMESHI

At least nine women and one man have come forward to accuse former radio host Jian Ghomeshi of sexual assault or harassment. The CBC fired Ghomeshi as host of its popular program Q last month.

### WOODY ALLEN

Woody Allen's adopted daughter Dylan Farrow published a letter on the New York Times website in early 2014, alleging again that Allen molested her when she was a child. Police had investigated the claim years earlier but said they found no evidence of assault.

### ROMAN POLANSKI

Director Roman Polanski was arrested in 1977 for sexually assaulting a pre-teen model. Even though he pleaded guilty to rape, much of Hollywood came to his defence. Polanski fled to France before being sentenced and has never been extradited.

### LENA DUNHAM

Actress and writer Lena Dunham took to Twitter in outrage after being accused of sexually assaulting her sister as a child. The allegations came after the release of Dunham's memoir, in which she describes looking inside her infant sister's vagina.

### CONOR OBERST

Indie rocker Conor Oberst (of Bright Eyes fame) filed libel charges in 2013 against a North Carolina woman who took to online magazine xojane, accusing him of rape. Joanie Faircloth later recanted, and Oberst eventually dropped his lawsuit.

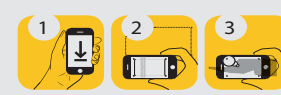


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# The Tea Party keeps brewing success

**Writing and recording.** Band sticks to releasing full-length albums in the digital age of singles and EPs



**BACKSTAGE PASS**  
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The Tea Party's Stuart Chatwood revels in the luxury of no longer having to give a damn what people think of his music.

Perhaps it's because the veteran band, which is coming to Halifax's Olympic Community Centre on Thursday night, has managed to survive and thrive through these "changing times" in the music industry.

Conveniently missing out on the great boom of social media, The Tea Party has managed to stick to what they know — how to write and record albums and have them heard by their ever-expanding fan base.

They thank their ability to stay true to their methods, on entering what will be their 25th year of making music.

"As far as making records, we have somehow figured out a way to continue doing what we do," he said in a recent interview. "Many bands just focus on making singles and EPs now but we somehow managed to create a proper record in a studio — I guess the erosion of recorded music being purchased is the biggest change."

Back in the day, Chatwood said there seemed to be a harsher filter be-



The Tea Party is ready to rock the Olympic Community Centre in Halifax on Thursday night. JEFF HARPER/METRO

tween what made it from a bathroom or basement-produced recording and the rest of the world.

These "gatekeepers," as Chatwood refers to record labels, limited the link between music and audiences.

"People are overstimulated by the amount of culture that is being thrown at them. As a result, you are bombarded by subpar material, so a lot of people have turned off inputs and

new experiences."

Regardless of the common appeal of today's music, Chatwood and The Tea Party are pleased to remain on the circuit. Picking up fans along the way and keeping those they've had for years, it's a nice testament to the realization that what previous generations have referred to as music is still alive and well.

That being said, returning to the tour stops on

which they cut their teeth, the boys are happy to get back to Halifax.

"We haven't been to Halifax for such a long time it's going to be great to get back there because it's where we first started and we've always had great audiences there."

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# T.I.'s advice to Iggy: Count your money

**Music.** Rapper has lots of hard-won wisdom to share when it comes to dealing with adversity

It's still hours before T.I. will be flowing like silk onstage in Toronto, but the Atlanta rapper has already found a verbal momentum that seems impossible to interrupt.

Sipping a Heineken in his hotel room prior to a recent club show at the Guvernment (which was granted a cameo by admirer Drake), T.I. is discussing how protégé Iggy Azalea has thrived and thus absorbed the scrutiny of ubiquity, both from peers (Nicki Minaj and Snoop Dogg) and beyond (the Internet).

Asked how he advises her to deal with such feedback, Tip gets on a roll.

"I'm going to be biased, because I see her as my little sister," he said of the Fancy rapper, whom he signed and mentored. "I just know that for that kind of upside, you have to have some sort of



Rapper T.I. signed and mentored Iggy Azalea, and says he sees the young star as his little sister. GETTY IMAGES FILE

negativity stitched in there somewhere.

"And if opinions and criticism from people who have no real effect on your life, if that's all you got to deal with, then I think we have other more pertinent things to worry about." He pauses, for effect, then adds with a laugh: "Like, 'What we are going to

do with all this money?'"

After the punchline his pace quickens, and he raps his fist on the coffee table to punctuate his points.

"I try to tell her like that, man. Whenever you don't like something somebody said, just ask yourself: 'What am I going to do with all this money?'"

"I try to rationalize it to her like that. But little sis is little sis, and she has her views and opinions and approaches to things. I respect her and support her, man, just because I know she's a good person at heart. I know that she has done nothing to harm or disrespect or do anything bad to anyone intentionally."

## Quoted

**"All the twists and turns and ups and downs and starts and stops, they've been a gift and a curse."**

Rapper T.I., on the effect his legal issues have had on his musical career

He curses, drawing and drawing it out, then adds: "Obviously I know that anybody, if they was thrust into the position that she has been in such a short period of time, it takes time adjusting."

And just like that, the T.I. train chugs back into the realm of his own experience.

Born Clifford Harris Jr., T.I. signed his first record deal as a teenager, released his debut album, *I'm Serious*, at age 21, and scored his first hit at 22 with the platinum-selling follow-up album *Trap Muzik*.

His velvet-plush flow smoothed the rougher edges of his street storytelling, and that talent for straddling grit and gloss only became more evident on the hit albums that followed. His latest album, *Paperwork*, is his ninth.

"It's crazy how old an artist can get," marvelled the

rapper, 34. "That makes me seem so old."

Of course, T.I.'s high-flying career was often grounded by his tumultuous personal life.

As a teen, he dropped out of high school, sold drugs and tangled with the law. His legal issues didn't end there. He was arrested in 2007 and eventually served 11 months in an Arkansas prison on federal weapons charges.

Creatively, the sad saga inspired the introspective hit parade *Paper Trail* (written under house arrest), but it also dashed his once-considerable momentum.

"All the twists and turns and ups and downs and starts and stops, they've been a gift and a curse for me," he said. "You accept — or endure — the consequences that come with bad decisions."

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## TV crime drama



Sean Bean AFP FILE

## Bean to star in The Frankenstein Chronicles

Sean Bean will lead a new television take on Mary Shelley's famous monster *Frankenstein* for ITV.

Shelley's novel will be adapted and re-imagined as a six-part period crime drama. Bean will play John Marlott, a London inspector who discovers a corpse along the Thames in 1827. The remains turn out to be an assembly of several body parts that will lead Marlott to London's darkest corners.

He'll discover the capital's underworld, its prostitutes, drug lords and murderers. The *Frankenstein Chronicles* will start filming in January 2015. AFP

## Sci-fi TV. Westworld coming to HBO in 2015

J.J. Abrams and Jonathan Nolan's sci-fi drama *Westworld*, starring Anthony Hopkins, is to air on HBO next year.

HBO made it official via Twitter that the network will broadcast *Westworld* in 2015. The drama series is a small-screen adaptation of Michael Crichton's 1973 film. Like the movie, the show will depict a futuristic theme park where lifelike robots allow visitors to time-travel virtually.

Anthony Hopkins will play the inventor and head

programmer of *Westworld*. The cast will also include Ed Harris, Evan Rachel Wood, Thandie Newton, James Marsden, Miranda Otto and Jeffrey Wright.

It will be written and directed by Jonathan Nolan, the creator of the J.J. Abrams-produced CBS series *Person of Interest* and the screenwriter behind the last two movies in his brother Christopher Nolan's *Batman* trilogy.

The series is the first collaboration between HBO and Abrams. AFP



Anthony Hopkins will star in *Westworld*. AFP FILE



# You naughty bear! Paddington runs afoul of U.K. film censors

**Movies.** Big-screen tale of beloved bear includes a cross-dressing Hugh Bonneville — and that's just too sexy for British film authorities

British film authorities have managed to find dangerous behaviour and sexual innuendo in a film about Paddington Bear — a development the bear's 88-year-old creator says leaves him "totally amazed."

The British film board gave Paddington a parental guidance rating, saying it contains "dangerous behaviour, mild threat, mild sex references and mild bad language." The rating means the film is suitable for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for children under eight.

The board said the film's scenes of dangerous behaviour include Paddington hiding inside a refrigerator.



Commuters pass by a statue of Paddington Bear at London's Paddington railway station. ALASTAIR GRANT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michael Bond, the author who created the much-beloved children's book character, has not yet seen the family film, which follows the adventures of the talking bear travelling from Peru to Lon-

don in search of a new home. Bond told Britain's Daily Mail that he couldn't imagine what the sex references are.

The film authority on Tuesday changed its guidance from "mild sex references" to

## Quoted

"(It was) frightening maybe, but not entirely sexual."

Actor Hugh Bonneville, on the scene where he is dressed as a cleaning lady

"innuendo" after the movie's distributor objected. The description refers to a comic scene of flirtation involving a man played by British actor Hugh Bonneville, who cross-dresses as a cleaning lady.

Bonneville said it was "slightly odd" for the scene to be described as containing sexual content.

"(It was) frightening maybe, but not entirely sexual," he told the BBC on Wednesday. "I challenge any viewer ... who has been offended by the film to get in touch."

The movie is being released Nov. 28 in Britain and early next year in North America. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Television

### Bachelor chooses April over Trisha, wedding in works

Tim Warmels is no longer a bachelor. The star of The Bachelor Canada picked 27-year-old April Brockman to be his bride on Tuesday's season finale.

The second season of the series began in September with 25 eligible bachelorettes vying for Warmels' heart.

By the finale, he had narrowed it down to Brockman, a realtor from Wasaga Beach, Ont. and Trisha, a 28-year-old beauty queen from Edmonton.

The couple confirmed wedding plans are in the works. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Bachelor Canada's Tim Warmels and April Brockman ROGERS MEDIA

## Television

### Benicio del Toro to play Cortés on HBO for Scorsese

Acclaimed American director Martin Scorsese is about to ink his third contract with HBO, according to Deadline. He'll helm Cortés, a historical drama starring Benicio del Toro.

After Boardwalk Empire and his musical project with Mick Jagger, Scorsese will once again go back in time. This time he'll delve into the 16th century, when Spanish conquistadors fought to impose their rule on South America.

After Che Guevara and Pablo Escobar, Benicio del Toro will embody another Latin American historical figure: Hernán Cortés.

This Spanish conqueror played a key role in the colonization of Central America, sealing the fate of the Aztec civilization.

The drama will tackle Cortés' ambiguous legacy, as well as his rivalry with Aztec emperor Moctezuma II. AFP

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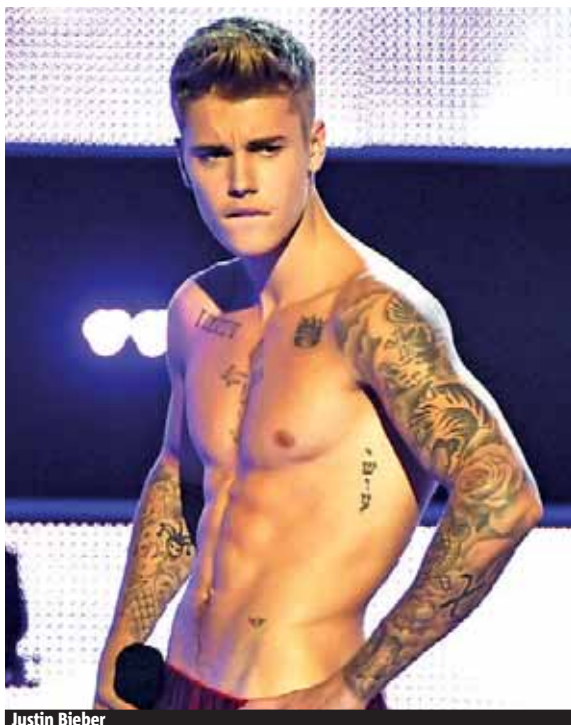
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Justin Bieber

## Bieber bans the bong, breaks out the Bible

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We may be about to enter the “brainwashed into a creepy cult” phase of Justin Bieber’s career — which, honestly, I didn’t think was going to arrive at least until he turned 23. Canada’s goodwill ambassador has reportedly been devoting his time to celebrity pastor Carl Lentz of Hillsong Church. And by “devoting,” I mean he “exiled himself from friends, alcohol,

weed and everything else that doesn’t involve the good Lord” for two weeks at Lentz’s Rancho Mirage compound near Palm Springs, at least according to TMZ. Hillsong, by the way, allegedly practises tithing, requiring members to donate 10 per cent of their income to the church. Not that I wish ill on the kid, but I’d rather the hard-partying pop star with a Napoleon complex not go all Kirk Cameron on us. Come back to the bong, Bieber. All will be forgiven.

### Twitter



@BetteMidler

The Pope is raffling off his unwanted Papal gifts for charity. What?! He told me he loved that Brookstone neck massager I got him!



@ConanOBrien

A 10-second kiss can transfer 80 million bacteria, my wife told me as we shook hands.



@pattonoswalt

You were the first reason I wanted to do comedy. I’ll always marvel at your genius onstage. But here’s where we say goodbye, Bill Cosby.



Kim Kardashian and Kanye West

## That other Kim cover that didn’t break the Internet

Remember when Kim Kardashian and Kanye West were on the cover of Vogue earlier this year, and it didn’t really do much for sales? Anna Win-tour, as it turns out, is and was

a bit conflicted about the whole thing. “Now and again one has to do things like that,” she told CNN’s Alina Cho during a chat at the Metropolitan Museum of Art recently. “I think if we just remain deeply tasteful and just put deeply tasteful people on the cover, it would be a rather boring magazine. Nobody would talk about us.” But Anna, shouldn’t you also be concerned with what it is they’re saying about you?



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Chris Hemsworth ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

## Does the Sexiest Man Alive have to do housework?

Chris Hemsworth is officially People magazine’s new Sexiest Man Alive, and unfortunately it looks like the Thor star plans on using his newfound powers for evil, not good. “I’ll put it on the mantelpiece just to remind (my wife) in the coming years,” he tells the magazine about how he plans to

use the accolade. “I can just say to her, ‘Now remember, this is what the people think, so I don’t need to do the dishes anymore, I don’t need to change (diapers). I’m above that. I’ve made it now.’” I’d rethink that strategy if I were you, buddy.

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# We've got mad love for this Flower girl's beauty biz

**Style.** Drew Barrymore chats with Metro about her new fragrances, insecurity and living in the light

**JANINE FALCON**  
Metro News in Toronto

"I've been in the makeup chair since I was six years old," Drew Barrymore likes to say. Actor, producer, cosmetics maven, wife and mother of two little girls, right now she's focused on promoting her two-year-old brand, Flower Beauty (the name is a nod to her production company Flower Films) in Canada.

## On Flower's new fragrance collection

"We thought a lot about who this woman was that we're trying to create a fragrance for. Mothers with their kids, women in the workplace, date night — we started to fall in love with this woman and get excited by her because she felt like us.

We're trying to be good to our kids, do something that we can be proud of in our jobs, and go home to get back into that romance with our husbands. So that's Cherished, Radiant and Sultry, a fragrance for every mood and the story of what women are doing out in the world."

## On her three favourite Flower makeup products

"Every day is different be-



Drew Barrymore's Flower Beauty line is available exclusively at Walmart Canada. GEORGE PIMENTEL

cause all I do is test and use the products. Today I'll say Mauve Over Lip Suede (\$7.98), our rose-coloured lip crayon. It's matte, but so creamy and buildable, and it never feathers or cracks or gets cakey. I

don't go anywhere without our Skincognito Foundation Stick (\$8.98). It's really just a big fat creamy concealer stick, and it covers stuff so well without looking heavy. And our Zoom-In Ultimate

Mascara (\$7.98). It's so good with its adjustable three-way brush."

## On balancing a multi-faceted career with family

"I'm sure most women

## Drew's with you

"I'm very tuned into what women go through in their daily lives, how they feel inside, what positive messaging is."

Drew Barrymore  
Actress and entrepreneur

feel guilty, like there's never enough, especially with motherhood — it's so weighty. I apply a very narrow focus: I wouldn't be able to direct and act and do the cosmetics company and have little side projects ... things had to fall off when I had kids. That's the only way I'm able to be a mother first and foremost. My kids deserve the 24/7 energy of me."

## On playing a role in the way a woman looks at herself

"I'm so happy to be there because I've done the mental gymnastics my whole life. I'm very tuned into what women go through in their daily lives, how they feel inside, what positive messaging is. Insecurity is not an option. There are things out there that can really be uplifting; you go toward them. That's a big part of how I want to raise my daughters. Live by example and go to the light. It's not all going to be easy — you're going to be torn by the heavy stuff in life. All the more reason to have that light within."

# Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Bukola

Age: 20

Occupation: Student

What she's wearing

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and vest

## Her inspiration

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As the weather gets nip-pier, I've been spotting people in my city wearing onesies (sometimes in elaborate animal form) as street fashion. Go online to Trends Report and tell me what you think. Should grown-ups be wearing animal onesies in public or should they stay in the bedroom?

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# What a bright time, it's the lights time

Thanks to advances in lighting technology, you have a lot to choose from when it comes to creative ways to deck your halls for the holidays this year. Forget about white incandescent lights and animatronic reindeer. Think lasers. Think smartphones. And hundreds, if not millions, of colour choices

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## Projected laser lights float in air

Using small spotlights, this technology projects thousands of tiny pinpoints of red, green, or red and green lights onto your home or any other hard surface. California-based BlissLights offers them for \$179 or \$199 US each, depending on whether the lights are in motion.

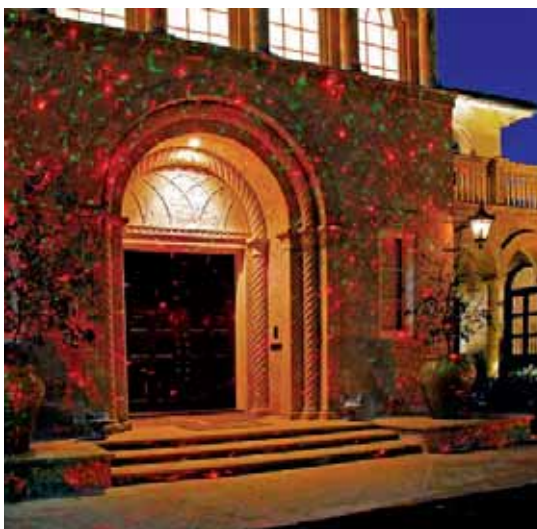
To a passerby, "at first glance, they look like traditional holiday rope lights, but actually they float freely across the house's exterior, plants and more to create a display that neighbours will think took hours to design and hang," BlissLights

spokeswoman Natalia Barclay says.

There are no cords or wires involved with the laser lights, says Nick Burks of Atlanta-based Pinnacle Lighting Group.

"For people who live in the northern part of the country, it's extremely helpful when you have to take them down and it's zero degrees outside," he says. "Instead of taking a string of lights down in January, just unplug the fixture and put it in a box and you're done."

**Looking for something unique in holiday lighting? Projected laser lights use small spotlights to project thousands of tiny pinpoints of lights onto your home.** PINNACLE LIGHTING GROUP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## RGB lights of many colours

Single light bulbs that hold three LEDs — red, green and blue — are the secret behind a new category of holiday lights that offer up to 16 million colour combinations.

Known as RGB lights, they can be dialed up or down in a variety of ways via a smartphone app. And because their colour range is so varied, they can be kept up year-round and used for any number

of holidays — Halloween, Easter, you name it.

Lumenplay offers the most colours by far at more than 16 million. The exotic lighting system doesn't come cheap (\$79.99 US for a starter pack) and is only available in 10-foot strands.

But you can string as many as 500 lights together on one controller, which comes with the starter pack.

GE also offers RGB lighting technology with its new iTwinkle light sets and pre-lit Christmas trees, while Texas-based decorating firm Christmas Decor is offering the lights as an option for holiday customers this year.

**Each iTwinkle G35 bulb holds three LEDs — red, green and blue — that can be combined to create thousands of colour choices.**

GE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Now with more battery power

This technology has been around a while but was mostly limited to smaller, incandescent light strands that you'd put in a window box or small porch display.

Now they come in LED strands up to 30 feet long with batteries that are much more powerful and longer-lasting. Many feature auto-timers and buttons that control blinking and other patterns.

At online retailer Lights.com, you can connect up to six strands of battery-powered lights for a total of 600 LED lights on one battery pack, spokeswoman Aimee Majoros says. You know what that means? One-hundred-and-eighty feet of energy-saving holiday sparkle.



**This Joy sign will light up a tabletop or mantelpiece with a rustic, yet festive, vibe. Vintage elements are a popular decor trend this holiday.**

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### Smart lights and lighting systems

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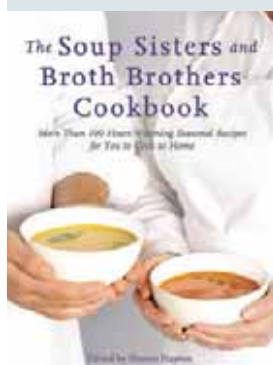
- Both the Lumenplay and iTwinkle systems are operated via apps available for Apple and Android phones. With just a swipe of your screen, you can dim or brighten outdoor lights, set them to music, or choose new colours and patterns.
- With iTwinkle, you can even record a greeting to play, like Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas, spokeswoman Amanda Hayes says.
- Most of these apps have a range of up to 150 feet, meaning you can control the action from across the yard or while plopped on your couch watching It's A Wonderful Life (or the Griswolds in National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation) for the 10th time.
- "No longer do you have to venture outside to plug in your lights," says Dave Geraci with Ohio-based Technical Consumer Products.
- TCP recently unveiled a smart home lighting system known as Connected by TCP, which links to a home's Wi-Fi or mobile network and is controlled via smartphone, computer or a special remote.



# Soup to warm the heart as much as belly

## Cookbook of the Week

Get your bowl ready for deliciousness



Celebrity chefs and “souper” volunteers contribute more than 100 recipes to The Soup Sisters and Broth Brothers Cookbook.

Arranged by season, the recipes include vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options, so you can prepare and share soup throughout the year. Among the recipes are Sweet Potato and Chipotle Soup, Southwestern Black Bean Soup, Rapini Soup and more.

Soup Sisters is a non-profit enterprise that organizes volunteer soup-making events across Canada. **METRO**

**Soup Week.** This Hot and Sour Chicken Soup has a good kick of spice

“Feel free to improvise with your favourite vegetables — carrots cut in julienne strips or cremini mushrooms (baby portobellos) make excellent additions,” writes Lesley Stowe, owner of Lesley Stowe Foods, who contributed this recipe to The Soup Sisters and Broth Brothers Cookbook.

1. In a medium pot, combine the stock and chicken breasts. Bring to a boil.
2. Reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes.
3. Remove the pot from the heat. Let stand, covered, for 10 minutes.
4. Remove the breasts from the

### Ingredients

- 8 cups (2 l) chicken stock
- 2 large boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 cup (250 ml) thinly sliced leeks (white parts only)
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) minced fresh ginger
- 5 tbsp (75 ml) Chinese black vinegar or Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) pepper
- 2 small baby bok choy, sliced
- 3 to 4 fresh radishes, thinly sliced
- 2 tsp (10 ml) sesame oil
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) cilantro leaves
- Thinly sliced red chilies to taste

pot, reserving the stock. When cool enough to handle, shred the chicken, keeping the pieces a fairly good size. Set aside.

5. Strain the stock through a fine-mesh sieve into a clean pot. Add the leeks, ginger, black vinegar, cider vinegar and pepper. Bring to a boil.
6. Reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered, until the leeks are tender, about 15 minutes.
7. Add the bok choy and radishes. Allow to simmer for 5 minutes. Add the shredded chicken and sesame oil.

8. Ladle up bowlfuls and scatter each portion with cilantro leaves and chilies to taste. **FROM THE SOUP SISTERS AND BROTH BROTHERS COOKBOOK. COPYRIGHT © 2014 SHARON HAPTON. PUBLISHED BY APPETITE BY RANDOM HOUSE, WHICH IS A DIVISION OF PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE CANADA. REPRODUCED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE PUBLISHER. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.**



This recipe serves six. JULIE VAN ROSENDAAL

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# A gift fit for a gamer

**Plug in.** Take guessing out of video game shopping

**BLAINE KYLLO**  
For Metro

Everyone has someone in their life who likes to play video games, and games make for great gifts.

Knowing what to get can be a challenge, though, if you're not up to speed on the latest FPS or RPG (especially if those acronyms mean nothing to you). We can help.

**Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare**  
Platform: PS3, PS4, Windows, X360, Xbox One

The next iteration of the popular first-person shooter takes place in 2054 and features futuristic weapons, ammo, and armour. For ages 17+

**Destiny**  
Platform: PS3, PS4, X360, Xbox One

In this shooter, players become guardians of humanity, travel-

ling to the moon, Venus, and Mars in an attempt to push back the forces of darkness. While the story mode can be played alone, Destiny is at its best when played with others, and your gamers will play for hours. For ages 10+

**FIFA 15**  
Platform: 3DS, PS3, PS4, PS Vita, Wii, Windows, X360, Xbox One

The best sports simulation available is for soccer. FIFA 15 lets footy fans play in quick matches, engage in complete seasons with existing teams or manage their own team of favourite players. It's great for all ages.

**Skylanders: Trap Team**  
Platform: 3DS, iOS, PS3, PS4, Wii U, X360, Xbox One

Skylanders is an action-adventure franchise where gamers put real-life action figures into the virtual worlds they're playing in. This time, villains can be trapped inside collectible crystals to fight for the good side. For ages 10+



A scene from Destiny, which is best when played with others.



Disney Infinity 2.0 introduces new characters and more role-playing.

**Disney Infinity 2.0**  
Platform: PS3, PS4, Wii U, Windows, X360, Xbox One

The next version of Disney's

toy-to-game experience introduces new characters and more role-playing elements to the virtual toy box. Three playsets



FIFA 15 is great for all ages.

are available, each with its own unique game: Marvel Super Heroes, Spider-Man and Guardians of the Galaxy. For ages 10+

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## Be merrier, spend less money this season

**ASTRID VAN DEN BROEK**  
For Metro

It's the most spend-happy time of the year. Indeed, when it comes to the holiday season, budgets can easily and quickly get tossed out into the nearest snow bank. So how can we stay on track this year? Here are some tips on how to save this Christmas.

**Think outside the ... well, just outside** Getting out and enjoying the outdoors during the holiday season can be friendlier to your wallet than catching the latest holiday movie.

"Strap on a pair of skates and find an outdoor rink for a quick game of family shinny. If you live in a rural area or an urban environment with some green space, the cheap

recreational possibilities are endless," says Kyle Prevost, co-author of the website YoungandThrifty.ca.

"If the weather outside is frightful, introduce some young members of your family to a favourite board game that has been collecting dust for the last couple of years."

**Get Googling** ... and make the most of your online shop-

ping. "If you hate trying to keep track of coupons, just Google 'promo code \_\_\_\_' before taking your online cart through the checkout and you can often save a huge amount off of the original price, or at the very least snag free shipping," suggested Prevost.

In addition, check other alternative retailers such as eBay, Kijiji and Craigslist.



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# Press start: It's gaming season

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The holidays are an exciting time to be a gamer. Not only do all the triple A titles hit stores, so do the limited edition consoles, along with a myriad of unique gaming accessories. Here are a few gift ideas for the ultimate gamer on your list.

## Glacier White Playstation 4 \$469.99

A striking new look for Sony's popular gaming console. This new version features a glossy white finish, a stark comparison to the original black model. In fact, gamers like the look so much, this unique console sells out as soon as it hits store shelves. Despite its new look, the console has

all the same features of the original PS4, and can only be purchased as a bundle with the blockbuster title Destiny.

## Xbox One Limited Edition Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare Bundle \$499.99

Microsoft is not only following in Sony's steps by releasing a white Xbox One this holiday season, it has also released a version Call of Duty fans will love.

The new Call of Duty Advanced Warfare bundle features a custom designed console, with unique built-in sound effects. It is also the only Xbox One model to feature a 1TB internal hard drive, double the size of the original!

## iPod Touch \$219 and up

Once used primarily for music, Apple's iPod Touch has quickly become a popular platform for gaming. This ultra-portable device features a beauti-

ful 4-inch retina display, snappy processor, and more than a quarter of a million game titles to choose from. On top of this, the built-in dual cameras give this device many uses.

## Playstation TV \$99.99

A tiny device with a lot of potential. Playstation TV, about the size of a smartphone, lets you watch movies, TV shows, and play original Playstation, Playstation 2 and Playstation 3 games on your TV, even if you don't own the consoles. A small cartridge slot lets PS Vita owners play the handheld games on the big screen, plus PS4 owners can stream games to a second television, meaning you'll never have to move your PS4 console around the house again. Important to note, not all Playstation titles work with Playstation TV at this time.

## Hyperkin Retron 5, \$149.95.

## Nintendo 3DS XL \$199.99

While this popular handheld has been around for more than two years, Nintendo has decided to freshen it up with a stylish new look. Three new models will be on Canadian store shelves this holiday season, themed after Super Smash Bros, Persona Q, and the classic Nintendo Entertainment System. The look may be new but the hardware remains the same.

From far left: iPod Touch, \$219 and up; Glacier White Playstation 4 \$469.99; and Xbox One Limited Edition Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare Bundle \$499.99;



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# FAMILY FUN GUIDE

BY JON TATTRIE

Where to go, what to do and how to get there. Here are this week’s activity listings



### CHRISTMAS PAST

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### LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE

Head to the Grand Parade at 6 p.m. on Saturday to kick off Christmas. The main event is the 2014 Halifax Christmas Tree Lighting but there’s also fireworks, Santa Claus, and music from Big Fish and TV’s the Octonauts. Free. Go to [halifax.ca/events](http://halifax.ca/events).



### SPECIAL SYMPHONY

Enjoy a free, family-friendly musical performance called Boats, Buoys and Bassoons with Symphony Nova Scotia at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. A sensory-friendly performance at 1:30 p.m. caters to people with autism. For more, visit [symphonynovascotia.ca](http://symphonynovascotia.ca).



### GET YOUR KICKS AT PALM SPACE

Check out the just-opened Hop Skip Jump Indoor Play Space. Located in Bayers Lake, the giant play space includes climbing towers, a ball pool, trampolines and more. Check out their Facebook page or call 902-406-4406 for prices and hours. Go to [hopskipjump.ca](http://hopskipjump.ca) for more.



### LEARN ABOUT ISLAND LIFE

Kids will have a blast exploring Sable Island via the Museum of Natural History’s new interactive exhibit. Learn about the plant and animal life that thrives on the sandy spot. Get all the details at [Naturalhistory.nova-scotia.ca](http://Naturalhistory.nova-scotia.ca).



### SAY HI TO TOOPY, BINOO

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“Someday I’d like to play on Team Canada.” – Madison, age 8

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# Huskies in thick of dog fight in competitive AUS

## Men's basketball.

Energy, intensity key when any team could win, Huskies coach says



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On any given court, on any given day, any Atlantic University Sport men's basketball team could win.

That's what Saint Mary's Huskies head coach Jonah Taussig, who led his team to an AUS title last season, had to say Wednesday afternoon as practice wrapped up at the Homburg Centre for Health & Wellness on the Halifax campus.

"There are eight teams in the conference, and I think it's going to be pretty competitive all the way throughout," he said, while letting his players shoot some relaxed hoops after running them through a couple hours worth of plays to prep for two games this weekend.

"Anyone can beat anyone on any given night," Taussig said. "So we hope to be there in the mix at the end of the season."

The defending men's champions started the year Nov. 8 with a 98-62 win over the St. Francis Xavier X-Men, but then lost two straight to the UNB Varsity Reds, 82-75 and 108-91, last weekend in Halifax.

"There's some concern with how we played, which I don't think was to our potential against UNB, but we're not panicking," he said, adding there are several new faces on the Huskies squad still getting



Saint Mary's men's basketball coach Jonah Taussig says his Huskies will have to take the road to another AUS championship one game at a time. JEFF HARPER/METRO

used to the league feel.

Veteran Brian Rouse's absence is also being missed at the moment, as the third-year guard sits out of the action while healing a sprained ankle, Taussig said.

"We know it's one game at a time, and what we're worried about now is Dal on Friday night and following that, Cape Breton on Saturday," he said.

The Huskies travel a couple of blocks down the road to tip off against local rivals the Dalhousie Tigers at 8 p.m. Friday. The Tigers, who missed out on playoffs

### Halifax hoops this weekend

- On the men's side, the Dalhousie Tigers welcome the Saint Mary's Huskies at 8 p.m. Friday, while the Huskies host the Cape Breton Capers at 6 p.m. and the Tigers travel to Wolfville to take on the Acadia Axemen at 8 p.m. on Saturday.
- On the women's side, the Dalhousie Tigers welcome the Saint Mary's Huskies at 8 p.m. on Friday, while the Huskies host the Cape Breton Capers at 4 p.m. and the Tigers travel to take on the Acadia Axewomen at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

last year, have fared better to start this season, splitting two games against the UPEI Panthers and adding a couple of wins over the Memorial Sea

Hawks.

"I'm sure Dal will be fired up from the beginning," said Taussig, who as a Halifax native and Canadian Inter-

university Sport champion with the Huskies is no stranger to both local and national competition. "So we've got to match their intensity."

Third-year guard Marquis Clayton agreed intensity will be a pivotal part in Saint Mary's games this weekend.

"If our warm-up's energized and we're going to the bench with a sweat on, then I think we're going to be ready," the five-foot-nine player from Halifax said.

"There are a lot of good teams (in the AUS). We've all got the same goal — and that's to win a championship."



Former NFL player Ben Utecht following Wednesday's hearing.  
MATT ROURKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Lawyer asks judge to approve NFL concussion deal

The NFL on Wednesday urged a judge to approve an estimated \$1-billion settlement of concussion lawsuits despite concerns raised by former players or survivors who feel left out.

The 65-year fund would resolve thousands of lawsuits that accuse the NFL of long hiding what it knew about concussions and brain injuries to keep players on the field.

The NFL now expects

6,000 of nearly 20,000 retired players — or 28 per cent — to suffer from Alzheimer's disease or at least moderate dementia someday. Their average payout would be about \$190,000. The awards reach several million dollars for Lou Gehrig's disease or Parkinson's disease.

Some critics feel the fund lets the NFL off lightly, given its \$10 billion in annual revenues. Others complain that there are no awards for de-

### Costly CTE \$4M

The estates of players who died and were diagnosed with chronic traumatic encephalopathy from 2006 to 2014 can seek up to \$4 million, but future deaths are excluded to avoid "incentivizing" suicide.

pression, mood swings, dizziness and other problems they link to football concussions.

Former Indianapolis Colts tight end Ben Utecht testified about the five concussions he suffered during a career that earned him a 2007 Super Bowl ring. He is now married with three young daughters.

"I do have memory issues. That's why I walked away," Utecht, 33, said after the hearing. "The thought of (my daughters) losing their dad, before they actually lose their dad, is challenging."

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# Raptors go forth in fourth ... and prosper



Vince Carter of the Grizzlies attacks the basket against Raptors centre Jonas Valanciunas in Toronto on Wednesday night. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**NBA.** After honouring star-crossed former franchise player, Dinos save best for final frame to leap Grizzlies

The game was billed as the best in the East versus the best in the West. But, thanks to a vicious stomach bug that ripped through the Memphis Grizzlies roster, it was more of healthy versus sick.

The Raptors, luckily, were on the healthy side of the ledger.

DeMar DeRozan poured in 21 points and Terrence Ross scored 14 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter as the Raptors beat the depleted Grizzlies 96-92 on Wednesday, to maintain their first-place spot in the Eastern Conference.

"No matter the start, it's all about the finish," Kyle Lowry said of Toronto's blistering early season 9-2 record.

Lowry added 18 points while Lou Williams finished with 13 and Jonas Valanciunas added 10 points.

Marc Gasol had 22 points and 12 rebounds for the Grizzlies, who were missing five players. Zach Randolph added 18 points and a game-high 18 boards for the Grizzlies, who boast the NBA's best record (10-2).

"I am really proud of our guys, they gutted it out, played for each other, and encouraged each other," said Grizzlies coach Dave Joergers.

The Grizzlies were missing Courtney Lee, Tony Allen, Kosta Koufos, Jon Leuer and Beno Udrih. The five were treated in hospital for dehydration, and flew back to Memphis on a special charter flight.

To fill out their roster, the

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- **Board — nearly — to death.** The Raptors' victory came despite being outplayed in the paint. The Grizzlies outrebounded Toronto 50-35 and outscored the Raptors 46-38 in the paint.

Grizzlies signed guard Kalin Lucas and centre Hassan Whiteside from Iowa of the D-League.

Vince Carter finished with seven points on a night the Raptors honoured the former Toronto superstar with a video tribute during a first-quarter timeout.

For the first time since he departed nearly 10 years ago, leaving Raptors fans angry in his wake, the capacity crowd of 19,800 stood and warmly applauded him.

"It was unbelievable," Lowry said of the tribute. "I think the city is still grateful for what he did. He put Toronto on the basketball map."

Carter was visibly moved by the gesture, wiping tears from his eyes. He touched a hand to his heart, and gave the fans several thumbs-up signs.

"It's just an amazing feeling," Carter said. "Amazing just to be in the moment and to see it, and to kind of relive it as it was happening."

"I couldn't write it any better. I decided to live in the moment and enjoy it, have your moment. It was great. I'm extremely thankful for it."

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## Try nom ties bow on great year

Magali Harvey's banner rugby year has gotten even better. The 24-year-old from Quebec City, already named the Women's Player of the Year, has been nominated for the International Rugby Players' Association Try of the Year. Scan the image with your Metro News app for video of Harvey's field-spanning try in August's World Cup semifinal. JORDAN MANSFIELD/GETTY IMAGES

Most improved of 2014

## Bouchard gets WTA award

Canada's Eugenie Bouchard was named the WTA's most improved player of the year on Tuesday.

Bouchard reached the semifinals at three of the four Grand Slams this year and made it to the final at Wimbledon last summer. She became the first Canadian singles player to reach a Grand Slam final in the modern era.

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Penguins forward

## Doctors find a blood clot in Dupuis' lung

Pascal Dupuis spent the first nine months of 2014 recovering from torn ligaments in his right knee.

The comeback barely lasted eight weeks.

Doctors diagnosed the 35-year-old Penguins veteran with a blood clot in his lung on Wednesday, likely ending his season and maybe his career.

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First openly gay player

## Jason Collins to retire from NBA

Jason Collins, the first openly gay man to play in one of the four major North American professional leagues, announced his retirement Wednesday after 13 years in the NBA.

The 35-year-old Collins disclosed his plans in a first-person story for Sports Illustrated. It's the same

forum he used in April, 2013, to publicly reveal his sexuality. He joined the Brooklyn Nets in February and played 22 games for the team, but was not on the roster this season.

"It feels wonderful to have been part of these milestones for sports and for gay rights, and to have been embraced by the public, the coaches, the players, the league and history," Collins wrote.

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NHL

## Talbot's shutout removes Rangers from land of losses

Cam Talbot made 31 saves for his first win of the season and fourth career NHL shutout, and the New York Rangers snapped a three-game losing streak with a 2-0 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Wednesday night.

New York, wearing its

road white jerseys, beat the Flyers for the ninth straight time at Madison Square Garden in the regular season. Talbot (1-2-1) got the win while subbing for Henrik Lundqvist, who served as his backup.

It was Talbot's first victory since another shutout at Edmonton on March 30 — a span of six games for Talbot. Kevin Klein scored in the first period, and Rick Nash had a goal in the second.

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## FIFA. Whistleblower livid at judge's report

Former Qatar bid worker Phaedra Almajid has complained to FIFA that her right to witness confidentiality in the World Cup bidding investigation was breached in an ethics report last week, claiming she was easily identifiable even though she wasn't named.

Almajid is also angry that the report by FIFA judge Joachim Eckert said she and Australian whistleblower Bonita Mersiades lacked credibility.

Almajid made allegations

Chilling effect

"Who else is going to want to come forward and be a FIFA whistleblower?"

Phaedra Almajid

in 2011 that three FIFA executive committee members were paid \$1.5 million to vote for Qatar.

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

### ♈ Aries

**March 21 - April 20**

There is nothing to be gained and a great deal to be lost if you act purely on emotion. It will pay you to wait a day or two before deciding what to do about a relationship.

### ♉ Taurus

**April 21 - May 21**

Concentrate on what you are good at and ignore everything else. You may find that difficult as the planets seem determined to disrupt your routine.

### ♊ Gemini

**May 22 - June 21**

Ignore those who urge you to take a more "balanced" approach. If you want something enough you must go out and get it.

### ♋ Cancer

**June 22 - July 23**

A little of what you fancy will do you good today, but don't go overboard and consume too much or you could make yourself sick.

### ♌ Leo

**July 24 - Aug. 23**

No matter how difficult it has been resolving a dispute, today's cosmic picture will help you find the compromise. You may have to give a little more than you expected.

### ♍ Virgo

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

Pretend you have faith in someone's abilities, even if you doubt they are up to the job. If you say the wrong thing now you may destroy their confidence completely.

### ♎ Libra

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

Affairs of the heart are vital but as relationship planet Venus squares up to Neptune, planet of illusion, you are advised not to take them seriously.

### ♏ Scorpio

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

Some situations call for subtlety, some call for assertiveness, but whatever circumstances you face over the next 24 hours you'll come up smelling of roses.

### ♐ Sagittarius

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

It appears someone's grabbed your attention but don't give them the impression you are desperate. If you do all the chasing at the beginning it will be the pattern for the future.

### ♑ Capricorn

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

What you do today is maybe not so important, but how you do it is. Throw yourself in 100 per cent. Your passion will do your reputation no harm at all.

### ♒ Aquarius

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

Caution is needed today when dealing with employers. But that does not mean you have to put up and shut up. Be subtle in your criticisms.

### ♓ Pisces

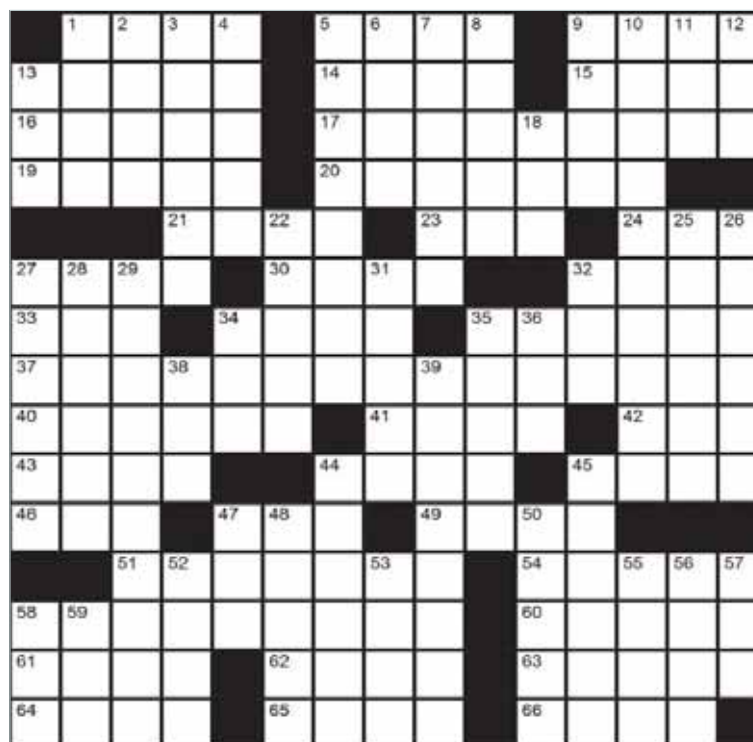
**Feb. 20 - March 20**

It may at times seem as if you are the only one who thinks logically but something will convince you today that you are not alone. Others share your values and opinions.

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

### Across

1. Not his
5. Boring
9. Cracked a bit
13. Break a Commandment
14. Latvia's capital
15. Thespian's request
16. \_\_\_ in Wonderland
17. Outdoor skating spot in Halifax: 2 wds.
19. Contradict
20. Creature like #58-Across
21. Bus. bigwig
23. Lettered drug
24. Tic-\_\_\_Toe
27. Garden waterer
30. \_\_\_ poker
32. Fun time
33. \_\_\_ & Dec ("Britain's Got Talent" hosts)
34. Process part
35. Ancient Olympic deity
37. Moraine and Peyto in Banff National Park = \_\_\_-\_\_\_
40. Lowest amts.
41. Grannies: German
42. 'Hero' suffix
43. Supersonic interceptor aircraft developed-then-halted in Canada in the 1950s, \_\_\_ Arrow
44. Thurs. followers
45. "Meet Me \_\_\_ Louis" (1944)
46. Prefix with 'classical'
47. Montreal Mrs.
49. Hockey: \_\_\_ pads



51. Quebec singer Mitsou's surname
54. Icelandic singer
58. "Star Wars" (1977) character
60. TV show: French
61. Had on
62. "Is it just \_\_\_?"
63. Story, in a house, in French

64. "\_\_\_ Congeniality" (2000)
  65. "\_\_\_" ('60s espionage series)
  66. Zilches#
- Down**
1. Mittens-mending reason
  2. Malefic
  3. Cook's secret

4. Ranch animal
5. '80s sitcom, "Punky \_\_\_"
6. Red carpet auto
7. From times-of-yore
8. Hears the herald angels!
9. Skincare stuff
10. Bee Gees '75 hit:

- 2 wds.
11. Ms. Gasteyer
12. Faith [abbr.]
13. Hailed ride
18. Care
22. "Melrose Place" star Rob
25. Canadian apple juice brand
26. Broom \_\_\_

27. J.R. Ewing portrayed Larry
28. TV: Happening now, not taped: 2 wds.
29. Hamilton folk singer (b.1949 - d.1983) who wrote "Northwest Passage": 2 wds.
31. \_\_\_ the challenge (Ready to take things on)
32. Red carpet accessory
34. Actor Alastair
35. Add \_\_\_ of salt
36. Polite abbreviation
38. Tech exec.
39. Envoy
44. Property separators
45. Chin \_\_\_ Vancouverite in The New Royals
47. World Series org.
48. "The Golden Girls" city
50. Norwegian dramatist Henrik
52. Lamb mothers
53. Late-'80s flick, "Rent- \_\_\_"
55. Unwritten
56. Sets up
57. Vancouver: Sam \_\_\_ Building (Built in 1913, it's famous for its narrow structure)
58. Valley, in Wales
59. Masses, with Polloi

## Yesterday's Crossword



### Online

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## Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

### How to play

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## Yesterday's Sudoku



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